

The Dutch Indies Commission *and the* Herpetological Legacy of Heinrich Boie (1794–1827)

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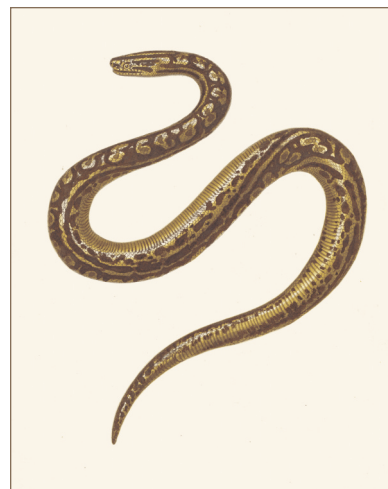
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